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## THE COVER

One of the busiest spots around the Center during these August "dog days" is the corner of 70th and York where Good Humor Man, James Vokles, dispenses his wares every day. THE PULSE has caught a few Center people engaged in this popular lunch hour "activity." What flavor will you have?

## Notes from The Director's Office

So many warming letters come to the Hospital from our patients expressing appreciation for the courtesy and service shown them here that the editors of THE PULSE have decided to publish excerpts from time to time.

So far this year we have received about 45 of these unsolicited commendations. This is impressive considering that people in general are quick to complain but slow to praise and that illness is apt to put them in their most critical mood. So when 45 busy people from all walks of life take time out to write a paean in praise of NYH, it is gratifying, indeed.

Some of the letters contain "citations" for specific people while others commend an entire floor. Doctors and nurses share praise with orderlies, attendants, nursing aides, floor clerks and volunteers. Every effort is made to furnish copies of these letters to those mentioned or primarily responsible for the care of the grateful patients. However, the type of sympathetic, friendly service our patients receive would be impossible if it were not also for the work of those who have no direct contact with them. The carpenters, the plumbers, the press workers, the maids, the night cleaning force, the clerks and secretaries, the accountants, the engineers and a host of others, all working in cooperative team, lay the background against which the doctors and nurses carry out their acts of mercy. It is particularly for these hard working people whose essential contribution to the care of our patients is less evident that these letters will be published.

## Have Any Dates?

Among the features that some of you have suggested for THE PULSE is a calendar of events at the Center. Sounds fine to the staff so it's up to you to keep us posted. If there is a meeting, party, or special event in the offing that would be of general interest, please send along the "dope" to the Pulse Office, Room H-216, ext. 7360, 7030.

## There's A "New Look" In H-1 Corridor

The expression, "new look," is old now in the fashion world but at NYH it's still an appropriate phrase to describe the recent changes on the main floor of H-building.

So that Hospital administrative offices might be sectioned off in one corner of the corridor for greater efficiency, several construction changes have been made, followed by shifting of many offices.

By pushing the information desk forward into the main lobby and removing a portion of a wall, the former flower delivery room has become an office for Dr. Pratt's secretaries, Gladys Surles and Jeanette Matystik, as well as a reception area. Their former office, H-124, is now occupied by Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr., Assistant Director for Professional Services. Dr. Pratt and Dr. Groeschel remain in their old offices, H-126 and H-121, respectively. Robert C. Morris, Administrative Assistant, is located in H-123, for many years the office of Irene Young, Dr. Groeschel's secretary. Miss Young now shares an office in H-118 with Celestine Austin, secretary to Vassar W. Johnson, Executive Assistant for Services and Supplies.

Here's where you will find other H-corridor "residents" these days:

Vassar W. Johnson, H-119  
Executive Assistant for Services  
and Supplies

Sherwood A. Messner, H-120  
Executive Assistant for Professional Services

R. Louis Malloy, H-116  
Manager of Accounts, and staff  
— Catherine Washolovich,  
Katherine Burke, Mary  
Messina

Mrs. Ann Murphy, secretary H-122  
to Dr. Wolf; Kathleen Minton,  
secretary to Mr. Messner

Telephone numbers remain the same as before; Mr. Morris, the newcomer to the floor, can be reached on ext. 649.

It has been requested that only those whose offices are located on the floors immediately above and below the administrative offices use the main floor stair-

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## CORNELL IN WASHINGTON



Official U. S. Army Photograph

Dr. Lawrence W. Hanlon, (center), assistant dean, Cornell University Medical College, poses with four members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps from the Medical College on his recent inspection tour of the ROTC headquarters at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. The med students are taking their six-weeks training on the wards and clinics of Walter Reed General Hospital. Left to right are Cadets James C. Gammill, Robert W. Leibold, Peter Poulos and Leon J. Hammer.

## We Join An Alliance Against Cancer

A four-way alliance to wage war on cancer through a program of research and education has been announced by Cornell University Medical College, The New York Hospital, and our "next door" neighbors, Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases and the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research.

Under the program, a new division of the Medical College will be established devoted primarily to investigative work in cancer and allied diseases and the training of candidates for advanced degrees through this work. This new division, to be known as "Sloan-Kettering Division of Cornell University Medical College," will be located in special facilities constructed, equipped and owned by Memorial Center. Operating funds and personnel will be supplied mainly by Sloan-Kettering Institute.

While the joint research and education program will be conducted mainly

at the Memorial Center, The New York Hospital and Cornell University have agreed to make available to the new division such educational or other facilities that may be required to complement the instruction given by the new division in fulfilling requirements for graduate degrees. Students from other universities may receive training under the new program.

Dr. Cornelius P. Rhoads, director of Memorial Center and of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, will be director of the new Sloan-Kettering Division and through Dean Joseph C. Hinsey of the Medical College, the work of this graduate division will be integrated with appropriate units of Cornell University.

A coordinating board, its members representing the four participating institutions, will act as a clearing house of information and will make recommendations on the joint program.

## New Grants Aid Research In Polio, Muscular Diseases

Recent grants by two organizations will further vital research being conducted at the Center in muscle diseases and poliomyelitis.

The Hospital has received a grant of \$19,000 from the Muscular Dystrophy Association in support of research in muscle diseases conducted here under the direction of Dr. Ade T. Milhorat. So far, the Hospital has already received \$9,000 from this newly formed organization made up for the most part of patients and their immediate families who hope to awaken public interest in this and other progressively fatal muscle diseases.

A March of Dimes grant of \$4,700 to the Cornell University Medical College will enable scientists to complete their studies on the chemical and metabolic effects of static bed rest on polio patients.

For the past four years, detailed clinical and laboratory studies have been going on to determine the nature and amount of muscle wasting and bone changes occurring in polio, and what proportion of these changes are due to the disease itself and to enforced rest in the usual hospital bed. Patients have been placed in a new type of bed with an electronically controlled rocker attachment which alternately tilts the head and foot of the bed thus aiding circulation. From preliminary studies it is evident that the use of the rocking bed may prevent some of the complications affecting not only polio patients but anyone who must be confined to bed for prolonged periods.

## WHO'S BOSS?

That's the question everyone is asking Major Urban L. Throm, U. S. Army Medical Corps, these days. Major Throm, Military Medicine in the College, was married June 17 to Lieutenant Colonel Jacqueline Burford, Army Nurse Corps.

## 18 Years A'Growing: Our Gift Shop

From a humble beginning on borrowed capital in the Fall of 1932, the Hospital Gift Shop has grown into an important adjunct of the Center which to date has turned over total net profits of \$57,400 to the Social Service Committee and the Hospital.

Many of us don't remember the Gift Shop "when." But it was less than five years ago that it got its present "store look."

When the Gift Shop was started in September, 1932, soon after the Hospital moved to its present quarters, it was located in a 100-foot square space in a corner of the back lobby. The shop consisted of one show case with open shelves behind it, a storage closet, and a shutter that pulled down at night. Three members of the Social Service Committee personally gave \$500 each to start the shop and an additional \$100 between them to pay the first month's salary of one employee. Mrs. Paul Dineen has been in charge of the Gift Shop since its start. Mrs. Dineen is a graduate of our School of Nursing; her late husband was on the medical staff of the Hospital and on the Medical College faculty, and she is the mother of Dr. Peter Dineen, an assistant resident in surgery.

"In those days, we had a cash box and one ledger for purchases and income, both of which were taken home each night by our paid worker," the Gift Shop director recalls nostalgically. Stock consisted of candy, cigarettes, stationery and gifts, mostly on consignment.

Within a year, the Gift Shop had paid back its indebtedness and had an extra \$100 net profit to give to the Social Service Committee.

The next step was adding another worker to the staff to deliver orders to patients. After that came the purchase of a second-hand cash register, and an arrangement with a neighborhood news dealer to supply papers and magazines for the shop; later the Gift Shop handled the papers on its own.

"We used to have an ice box behind the magazine stand for "cokes" and ice-cream. The ice box had to be filled with ice twice a day and the pan under

the box emptied frequently. Always on a day the Hospital had an important visitor who came to see the Shop, the pan would overflow," recalls Mrs. Dineen.

By 1938, the Social Service Committee could see the need for a larger shop.

"We were taking up the whole back lobby at this point," says Mrs. Dineen. "There was a bookcase for a lending library, a newspaper and a magazine stand, and an extra table or two with merchandise. Each morning all of these things had to be put out and at night, they had to be put away again, making a great deal of work."

But it was not until 1945 that the Gift Shop was enlarged to its present size. Today, the Shop has a selling area of 500 square feet, plus a small rear office; there is a business office on the H-2 corridor, and a storeroom in the basement for stock, wrapping and mailing packages. The storeroom is the base of operation for the four carts which visit the pavilions daily. Today, there are eight paid employees on the Gift Shop staff, plus a part-time worker to deliver papers to pavilions on weekends.

### "... An Unforgettable Impression"

*The following is from a letter received recently from a patient:*

"I want to express my great appreciation and admiration for the fine administration of your wonderful hospital.

"The service of your great doctors and their able internes, the efficiency and courtesy of your floor nurses, your fine dieticians, providing such good food in quality and variety, even the orderlies and telephone operators, make an unforgettable impression!"

"The generous men who gave so lavishly to make this hospital possible, had wisdom and vision as well as wealth.

"My people have lived in New York since its beginning, and have seen many great churches, colleges and hospitals established, but to my mind, nothing has been erected to so serve and adorn our city as your great Cathedral-windowed hospital."

## Nine Complete Dietetic Internships

Nine young women who have completed their dietetic internship here in the Department of Nutrition were awarded certificates and pins at graduation exercises June 30 in the Board of Governors Room.

Presentation of the class was made by Louise Stephenson, director of the Department of Nutrition. L. G. Payson, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Governors, was the main speaker and Dr. Henry N. Pratt presided.

The sweet girl graduates, all of whom had earned Bachelor of Science degrees before coming to the Hospital, are now eligible for membership in the American Dietetic Association. They are: Sister Mary Aurelia Trzesniowska, FeL.O.S.F., Immaculate Conception Convent, Lodi, N. J.; Marion E. Dunlap, Liverpool, Nova Scotia; Bo Ock Lee, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii; Margaret L. Coffman, Waynesboro, Pa.; Kathleen A. Hannon, Olean, N. Y.; Melsean Hauck, Madison, Wis.; Emily J. Kroog, New York City; Alexandria Papaliodis, Yorkville, O., and Marianne Weihl, New York City.

Miss Weihl has joined the Nutrition Department as dietician on surgical pavilions.

## W. G. Brady, Jr. Elected To Board

William Gage Brady, Jr. has been elected to the Board of Governors of The Society of the New York Hospital.

Chairman of the board of directors of The National City Bank of New York, Mr. Brady joined that organization in 1915 and rose subsequently to become president and director before his present appointment. A native of New York City, he is a graduate of Columbia University.

He is also chairman of the board of The National City Safe Deposit Company, the International Banking Corporation and the National City Foundation; president of the National City Realty Corporation; director of City Bank Farmers Trust Company, Federal Insurance Company, and Vigilant Insurance Company. He is a trustee of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, East River Savings Bank and the New York Protestant Episcopal Public School.

## Out "Tower Of Healing" Can Also Be Called A "Tower Of Babel"

New York City is often spoken of as a veritable "Tower of Babel." But did you ever stop to realize that our Center can be similarly described?

At least 26 languages other than English are spoken by those of us who work here, according to a list of available interpreters kept at the Information Desk. Among the less common languages we speak are Armenian, Bulgarian, Danish, Filipino (Tagalog dialect), Finnish, Flemish, Gaelic (both Scotch and Irish), Greek, Japanese, Lithuanian, and Norwegian.

With New York the "melting pot" of nationalities that it is, and with so many visitors from far away places coming to NYH for treatment and surgery in this air age, the list of interpreters is referred to constantly.

Those of us who deal with patients—nurses, doctors, social workers, registrars—are encouraged to make use of the list to aid in our relationships with them. Hearing your native tongue spoken can make all the difference in the world in your confidence and morale, especially when you're ill.

Sometimes the list comes in handy in other ways. Mrs. Margery Overholser, director of public health nursing, who was one of those instrumental in establishing the list back in the '30's, recalls the time that an eminent Latin-American surgeon was planning to visit the Center. No one on the professional staff spoke Spanish fluently and it seemed that the tour would be a fiasco. But a last-minute look at the list saved the day. A quick call to the kitchen sent a Spanish-speaking butcher upstairs to the rescue.

If you speak a foreign tongue fluently, why not add your name to the list? Call Miss Campbell, ext. 224.

### WE WANT PICTURES

... of you on your vacation. (Won't they be nice to look at in October when that holiday is only a happy memory?) Send them along to THE PULSE ofice. H-216, before Sept. 22.

## Peach 'n Punch Fete Net \$105 For O. T.

Despite a cold, nasty day that cut down rooftop attendance, the Peach Festival on July 20 netted a profit of over \$105, thanks to the generosity of everyone at the Center. The money will be used to buy materials for children's activities in Pediatric Occupational Therapy.

During the afternoon, some 17½ gallons of ice cream, 50 lbs. of frozen peaches and 6 gallons of punch were dispensed on the roof of N Building and also delivered to Center offices. Ines De Sanctis, a volunteer, entertained on the roof with piano selections. Eric Granholm played "sandwich man" to advertise the event.

Committees assisting Evelyn Wolff of Pediatrics O.T. were headed by Jane Hayer and Ernest Fuchs, N.Y.U. occupational therapy student affiliates, and Mrs. Robert Moskin and Nancy Schwartz, volunteers.

Other volunteers who aided were: Mrs. Theodora Vincent, Mrs. Hadassah Markson, and the Misses Lillian Greiten, Adrienne Roamann, Geraldine Berman, Anita Spiro, Suzanne Torchiana, Gioia Curry, Marian Cantor, Dolores Crone, and Claire Stern.

## 516 "Play Ball"; NYH Scores "Homer"

Mrs. Eleanor Bond, Corporation Office, and Thomas Howell, Engineering Department, were winners of the drawing for the two pairs of field box tickets to the Yankee-Red Sox game at Yankee Stadium donated by Society of the New York Hospital president, John Hay Whitney.

Neither winner, however, was able to attend the game on July 7. Mrs. Bond gave her tickets to friends and Mr. Howell's were used by Wallace Downey, also of the Engineering Department.

With 516 tickets sold at 25 cents apiece, \$129 was netted for the benefit of the General Funds of the Hospital.

The winners owed their luck to the pickings of Miss Parker, Associate Director of the Nursing Service, Associate Dean of the Nursing School, who pulled their numbers from a basket held by Dr. Pratt and Dr. Milhorat.

## Elected A Trustee Of Cornell University



DR. PRESTON A. WADE

Dr. Preston A. Wade, associate attending surgeon to the Hospital and associate professor of clinical surgery at Cornell University Medical College, has been elected to a five-year term as an alumni trustee of Cornell University. In this capacity, Dr. Wade has also been appointed to the Council of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing.

A graduate of both the University at Ithaca and the Medical College, Dr. Wade was president of the Medical College Alumni Association in 1942 and has also been president of The New York Hospital Alumni Association. Since 1935 he has been a governor of the Cornell Club of New York. He is a member of the administrative group of the Greater Cornell Committee and chairman of the committee's Medical College Division.

Dr. Wade is a member of the Medical Board of the Hospital and is treasurer and a member of the board of managers of the Vincent Astor Diagnostic Service. During World War II, he became chief of surgery of the Ninth General Hospital, our unit which served in the Pacific area from 1942-45.

### H-1 CORRIDOR

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way on H-corridor. Those wishing to reach the lounge on H-2, and visitors to second floor and basement offices are asked to use other stairways.

# HOSPI-TALES

**"Some Enchanted Evening":** And indeed it was for Gladys Partington, staff nurse, and Florence Dewar, private duty nurse, who attended a performance of "South Pacific" the night of July 6 as guests of Mary Martin. Miss Martin, who had been a patient on F-12, invited the two to attend the performance the night she returned to the cast. Second row orchestra, and a wave and wink from the star — not bad, eh?

**Center Celebrities:** Television, radio, the magazines, and newspapers, here we come . . . Edna Tuffley, acting head of operating room nursing service, appeared recently in a Lucky Strike Theatre production of "The Citadel," on NBC-TV, directed by Robert Montgomery. It was a call to the Public Relations Office for a nurse to advise the producers on staging an authentic operating room scene and to appear in the play, herself, that sent Miss Tuffley on her way. To her amazement, she was asked to don a pale green uniform; white does not photograph well on video . . . And Veronica Lyons, assistant dean of the Nursing School, was interviewed about nursing on a Saturday TV show conducted by Ed Herlihy . . . Dr. Richard H. Freyberg, assistant attending physician and associate professor of clinical medicine, Medical College, was opening speaker on a program, "For Doctors Only," sponsored by the New York Academy of Medicine over Station WNYC. Designed primarily as a refresher course for physicians, the program consists of a series of recordings of lectures delivered last season at the Academy . . . Alice McGurk, nurse on H-6, will be featured in an article in a coming issue of *Look* . . . Janet Wiedman Brady, '49, Nursing School, and her job in public health nursing, were featured in a career article on nursing in the June issue of *Madeleine* . . . And a picture of a Center bathing beauty, Ruthye Lesser, secretary in Dr. Barr's office, recently appeared in the *Journal-American*. She's a contestant in that paper's search for "Miss Surf-Maid."

**Stork Stops:** Rosetta Fedele Tanasoca, formerly of X-ray, is the mother of a baby boy, born in June . . . It's a girl, Susan, for Dr. and Mrs. John M. Vesey.

Dr. Vesey is a resident in radiology . . . Ray Hanley of X-ray files, is the poppa of a baby boy . . . Dietrich Wagner of X-ray is the proud father of a baby girl . . . And Mrs. Maynard C. Ivison, director of public relations, is a grandmother again.

**Rice and Old Shoes:** Who says June is the most popular month for marriages? What about July and August? . . . Helen King of Payne Whitney, will be married Aug. 19 to Frederick Gilman Howe in Braintree, Mass. Miss King, who has resigned her position as secretary to Dr. Milhorat, was feted at a party given by Mrs. Dorothy Newstead of Payne Whitney Record Room before she left . . . Leone M. DeLelys, assistant supervisor, General Operating Rooms, was married July 1 to Howard Charles Lucas, senior in the Medical College . . .

## HOMETOWNS EAT — AND MEET

Times Square in New York and the Cafe de la Paix in Paris are often called the "crossroads of the world." If you linger at either of these spots long enough, the saying goes, someone you know will pass by. Now our Garden Dining Room can claim the title, too.

One evening recently, Mini Stein, a volunteer was having supper there when she observed a gentleman with a disturbingly familiar face dining at another table. Try as she might, she could not recall where she had seen him previously. The following evening she saw him again but once more her memory failed her. But the next night she found herself directly behind him in the cafeteria line. Then she spoke up: "Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

She had, indeed — in Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa, their hometown.

The man's wife was a patient here.

*Joan Kramer* of Central Labs will marry Dominic De Luca on Aug. 26 . . . And Joe Hacker and Josephine Blum, both of X-ray, will tie the knot in September . . . Weddings in the senior class of the Nursing School keep the gals in a constant flurry of excitement . . . Lillian Sturgis will be married Aug. 21 in Ocala, Fla., to Dr. Edward Updike, an intern at Lenox Hill Hospital . . . Jean Houston became the bride of Dr. Fred Plum of the Hospital and Medical College on July 15 in Shrewsbury, Mass. Several Center people were in the wedding party . . . On the same day, Mary Grace Kelly was married in Elmira, N. Y. to Donald Sullivan, student at Rensselaer Polytech . . . And another classmate, Margaret Palmer became the bride of Stanley Birnbaum, an engineer from Dayton, Ohio, on July 29 . . . Another member of the Class of '50, Phyllis Sarno, was married June 30 in the Bronx to Solon Dunetz, an engineer. . . . Here are some other June weddings, too late to be reported in the last issue of THE PULSE. . . . Patricia Guidal, nurse in Employees' Health Service, formerly of K-9, to William D. Mayer, Jr. of the New York Telephone Company . . . Mary Rose of Central Labs to James Finegan, a lawyer . . . Charles Donat of the Mail Service to Joan Vrana of Central Sterile Supplies . . . Dr. John J. Snodgrass, an assistant resident in radiology, to Letitia McGreer, a nurse at Columbia-Presbyterian . . . Antoinette Tojaj, Manager of Accounts office, to John H. Hahn of Mount Vernon. Mrs. Hahn, on leave of absence, is honeymooning with her husband in Highgate Springs, Vt.

**Cupid's Capers:** The love bug continues to "bite" the Nursing School . . . Two members of the Class of '52 have announced their engagements — Eleanor Pulley to James Robinson, a teacher at Arizona State, and Beth Gibson to Charles Geer of New York, an artist represented in the Hospital's collection of paintings . . . Judy Sagen, Record Room, is engaged to Charles Gouhl.

**Here and There:** Mrs. Frances De Witt has left her position as nurse in Employees' Health Service to accompany her husband, Dr. Peter De Witt, to Colorado Springs, Colo. where he has taken

a residency . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to *Thelma Cobb*, R.N., supervisor of auxiliary staff, and THE PULSE'S official Hospitaler, who triple fractured an ankle bone in a swimming accident while vacationing in her native Virginia . . . *Hans Lewinnek* of Central Sterile Supplies is back on the job after six weeks of illness . . . X-ray Department's party at Jones Beach on June 17 probably is the longest beach party on record. It began at 9 A.M. and ended the following morning at 2 o'clock . . . New York Hospital speakers at the June meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators in New York were *John H. Keig*, comptroller, and *John G. Dale, Jr.*, director of personnel . . . A postcard from *Tom Casey*, retired from the Protection Department, sent vacation greetings from the New York State Veterans' Rest Camp at Mt. McGregor, N.Y.

**Vacation Notes:** This Summer finds some of us on vacation far from New York. . . . *Edith Schultze* of Public Relations will fly to Europe on Aug. 26 for a five-week tour of England and the Continent . . . Other travelers to Europe this season were *Dr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Wertz* (*Hannah Ziering*) of the Payne Whitney medical and nursing staffs, respectively. Their itinerary included visits to several psychiatric centers . . . *Helen Lincoln*, record librarian, spent her vacation in Montana, and her assistant, *Helen Dieschbourg*, relaxed on Nantucket Island . . . *Yuri Noma* of the Record Room traveled to California and another co-worker, *Mrs. Blanche Elio*, had a holiday in Canada with her husband . . . *Mrs. Mary Radmore*, Record Room, and her husband observed their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Washington . . . *Mrs. Dorothy Newstead*, Payne Whitney Record Room, visited her family at Lake Worth, Fla.

**Hats Off:** To *A. C. Laubach*, building superintendent of the Medical College, and PULSE reporter, who received his B.B.A. degree cum laude from St. John's University in June after only four years of study at night.

#### NURSING SCHOOL NOTES

The Classes of '50 and '51 each gave a surprise bridal shower for *Betty Hunter*, their former instructor in nursing arts, now assistant head nurse on H-3. Miss Hunter is leaving the Center to be married on Sept. 9 to William Christensen



and will make her home in Denver, Colo. . . . The present first year class is planning a welcoming program for the incoming freshmen. In the role of a "big sister," each soon-to-be junior will escort her "little sister" to the theatre one evening. Other freshman week events will include a tea, a tour of the hospital, and a sightseeing trip around New York . . . The seniors have had their final fittings for the white New York Hospital graduate caps and uniforms which they will don for the first time on Sept. 26. Graduation festivities will commence with a class dinner Sept. 21 at the Tavern-on-the-Green. *The Blue Plaid*, senior yearbook will be out next week . . . *Jo Anne Gorenflo*, '51, was hostess to her classmates at her home in Mount Kisco on July 6.

#### FROM WESTCHESTER

**New Appointments:** Four newly appointed assistant resident physicians have taken up their duties at Westchester Division and will receive intensive training in psychiatry. They are *Dr. Thomas L. Doyle, Jr.*, Class of '49, Cornell University Medical College; *Dr. Hollis Johnson, Jr.* of Louisville, Ky.; *Dr. Preston K. Munter* of Buffalo, N.Y., and *Dr. Edward F. Vastola* of Waterbury, Conn.

**Vacation Aides:** Fourteen college students — five women and nine men — are employed as psychiatric aides during their vacation period. Most of the group are pre-medical and psychology students.

**Nursing News:** *Elaine Muzzulin*, who recently completed a six-month course in advanced psychiatric nursing at Ohio State University, has joined the faculty as instructor-supervisor. She replaces *Ruth Matheney* who has accepted a position in Kentucky with the State Mental Hygiene Department.

#### A "Peachy" Bunch

Left: some of the volunteers who served; below: a group from the Accounting Department who attended the Peach Festival. (Story on page 5.)



#### 78 Get Degrees From Medical College

Seventy-eight students at the Cornell University Medical College received M.D. degrees at the fifty-third annual commencement exercises on June 14 in the college auditorium.

Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, president of the State University of New York, gave the graduation address. Degrees were conferred by Dr. Cornelius W. de Kiewiet, acting president of Cornell University. Dean Joseph C. Hinsey presided and Dr. Eugene F. DuBois administered the Oath of Hippocrates.

Winner of the John M. Polk Prize for the highest scholastic record during the four year course was Dr. Carolyn H. Diehl. Second prize went to Dr. Heinz F. Eichenwald, and third prize to Dr. David Barr. Dr. Eichenwald also received the Gustav Seeligman Prize for efficiency in obstetrics, the Alfred Moritz Michaelis Prize for efficiency in medicine and the Borden Research Prize. Dr. Claude W. Trapp, Jr. won the Bernard Samuels Prize for general efficiency in ophthalmology with Dr. Eric T. Carlson in second place. First and second prizes for efficiency in otolaryngology went to Drs. Margaret N. Dealy and Francis Perrone, respectively. Drs. Richard H. Cardozo and Hartwell G. Thompson, Jr. shared first honors in the William Mecklenburg Polk Research Prize with Dr. Salverio F. Redo in second place. Dr. Malcolm W. Bulmer won the Good Physician Prize.

## Dr. Fred Kern Directs Health Service

Dr. Fred Kern, Jr. is the new director of the Employees' Health Service. He succeeds Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr., now assistant director for professional services and director of the Out-Patient Department.

In addition to his duties with the Health Service, he is also associated with the Gastro-Intestinal Clinic and Laboratory in the Department of Medicine and is on the staff of the Vincent Astor Diagnostic Service. Dr. Kern, who came to the Hospital in October, 1946, as a research fellow, was a member of the House Staff from July, 1947, to December, 1948.

## Those New Faces

Just in case you have not already met the gentlemen, the two new faces in Administration are Thomas Houran, Assistant to the Director of Personnel, and Kurt H. Nork, Administrative Intern.

Mr. Houran, a graduate of Northwestern University, had previously been in personnel work at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Mr. Nork, who will be with us for a year, is a graduate of Columbia College and recently completed his studies in Hospital Administration at the School of Public Health, Columbia University.

**2,428 Gave  
\$2,745.84**



Here's the final figure on our contribution to the Greater New York Fund: \$2,745.84.

A record of generosity was established when 2,428 out of 2,700 of us solicited responded with a contribution to help the 423 health and welfare agencies which share in the Fund.

Representing The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center at the Fund's final city-wide report luncheon at the Hotel Roosevelt on June 29 were Betty Richmond, Libby Eschmann, Fran Hunter, Dora Mark, and Rheta Glueck. Speakers who praised the generous giving this year to the Greater New York Fund included Margaret Truman.

## OUR STORK CLUB



Two graduates of the classes for fathers in mother and baby care, held at Lying-In, receive their diplomas from Frances Boyle, supervising nurse. The fathers, Allan Dreghorn, (left), and Valdemar Rhymer, (right), are members of the class which "graduated" in June. The classes, taught by staff doctors, are open to all fathers and fathers-to-be in the neighborhood whether or not the mother is a patient at NYH, and are held as a community service.

## The East River Flows Not So Gently

With her traffic of tankers and tugs, our East River often seems like the Cinderella of New York's rivers, especially when compared to her more glamorous sister stream, the Hudson. But like Cinderella, the East cast off her mousy garb one day recently and had a gay old time for just an hour — gay enough to make newspaper headlines the next day. Because these "carryings-on" happened right below us, we record the facts, too:

When the commander of the city's police aviation unit and a Deputy Police Commissioner took off in a helicopter one noon, little did they know that their routine patrol flight would turn into a slapstick situation.

It all began when they spied a railroad barge drifting downstream between Manhattan and Welfare Islands. A lone figure waved wildly to them. Gently, they landed the helicopter on the top deck of the barge. Seeing that the 115-foot long barge was drifting perilously close to the rocks at the southern tip of Welfare Island, they radioed for a police launch and a fireboat.

Meanwhile, the castaway explained that he was at the barge's Seventy-Sixth Street pier when it slipped its mooring with the help of a few youngsters who were swimming in the river. A Department of Sanitation employee on road-sweeper duty, he left that vehicle to jump on the wayward barge.

On shore, the barge captain, discovering that his command had disappeared, notified a dispatcher in Jersey City, who in turn, via radio-telephone, sent a tug to the rescue from Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

At the same time, an excursion steamer passed the distressed barge. The excursion captain put on steam until he sighted another tug which was tied up at the north end of Welfare Island. Bellowing over his megaphone, he told the tug captain of the barge's plight.

With all craft converging on the barge, motorists stopped their cars to watch the race for the drifting barge. The tug from Greenpoint took over. Soon, the barge was back at its dock. The East River settled back to its humdrum destiny.